

gins as substituting may become permanent employment. A person who substitutes on a day-to-day basis in a regular position for an absent employee for more than 120 school days or for more than 45 school days in a vacant position and then continues in the same position shall be considered to have been a regular employee since the first day of employment and forfeits his retirement benefits for all months of employment in that position."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the senate on March 3, 1977: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the house on May 26, 1977, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 16, 1977.

Effective Aug. 29, 1977, 90 days after date of adjournment.

NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL ACT

CHAPTER 756⁵²

S. B. No. 576

An Act creating the Natural Resources Council; naming its members; granting it powers; assigning it duties; granting the governor powers; creating an advisory committee; repealing all expressly conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Creation of the Natural Resources Council; short title

Section 1. The Natural Resources Council, hereinafter referred to as the NRC, is hereby created, and this Act may be cited as the Natural Resources Council Act of 1977.

Policy

Sec. 2. It is the declared policy of the state to:

(a) protect, develop, and utilize, and, where feasible, restore or enhance the natural resources of the state for present and future generations;

(b) protect private and public property rights; and

(c) coordinate all state natural resource policies, programs, and activities at the highest level; refine state permitting processes; and require the state to balance the economic, social, and environmental consequences of its natural resource decisions.

Natural Resources Council

Sec. 3. (a) The Natural Resources Council shall be composed of 16 voting members. If and at such time as the University of Houston Sys-

52. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4413(48), §§
1 to 10.